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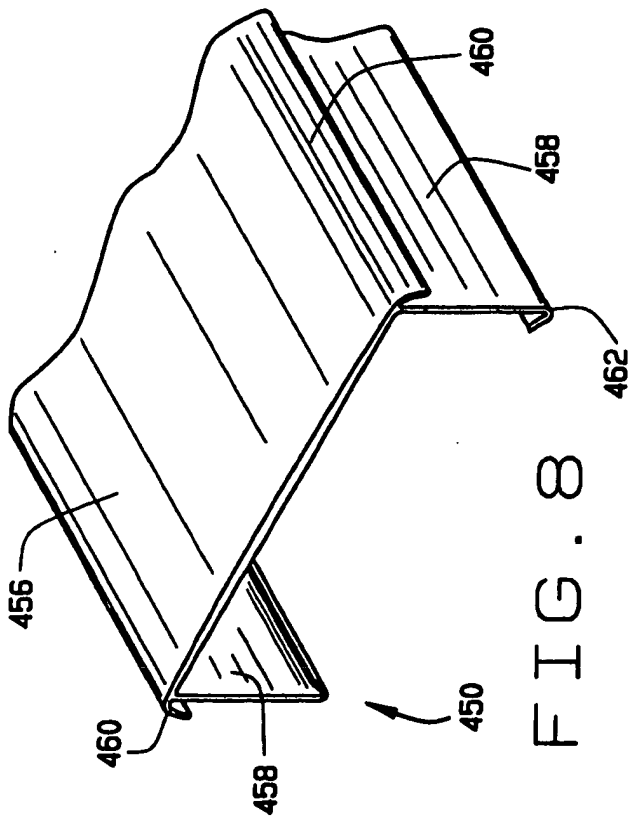


FIG. 8

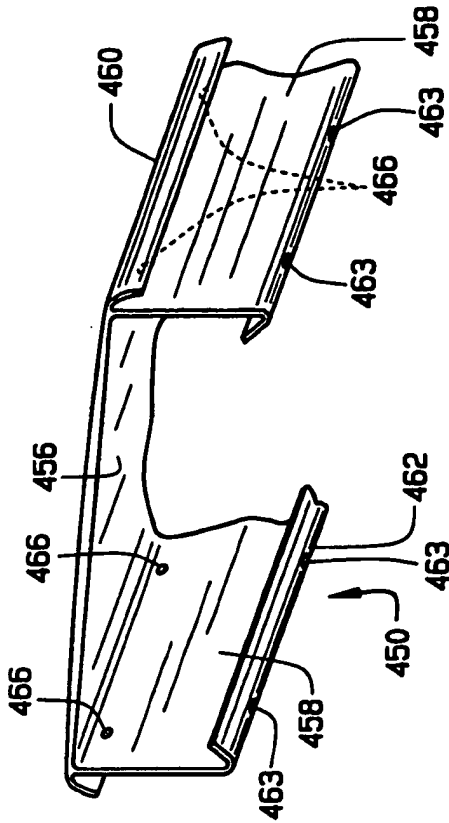


FIG. 9

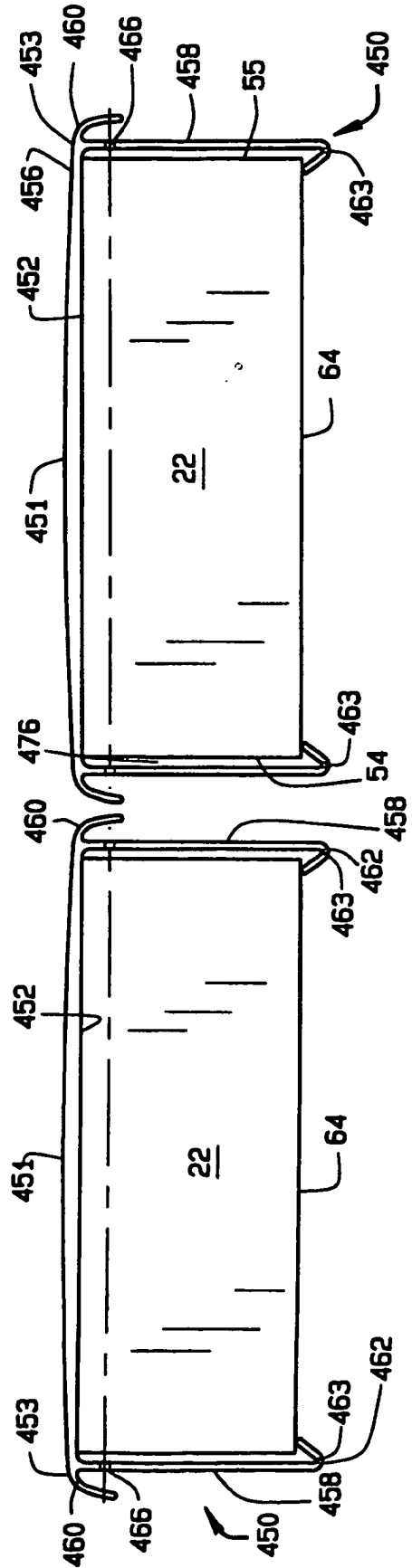


FIG. 10